

THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1890.

They Are Investigating.

Under the heading, "Will they Investigate?" Inquirer attacks the Township Committee and its auditing committee, but while doubtless sincere, uses words without knowledge. For several years many familiar with the system of Township accounts have condemned it, as almost insureing error and opening wide the door for dishonesty. No one has ever gone to the length of accusing any Township officer of malfeasance, but many have rightly demanded that the accounts should be so kept, that the people might know by an inspection of the books, whether the finances of the Township were properly administered. The doctrine, that what was good enough for our predecessors is good enough for us, held by a majority of the members of previous Township Committees and backed up by the opinion of a majority of those citizens who have cultivated the commendable habit of attending primary meetings, has hitherto prevented any action being taken to create a better system.

In May last the Citizens set forth the necessity of a change and urged it upon the notice of the Township Committee, which at its next meeting, upon the motion of Mr. Halfpenny, ordered the investigation referred to by Inquirer. The auditing committee was "directed to examine the Township system of book keeping and accounts and report as soon as possible such recommendations as they may have to make." The committee has completed its examination of all the financial officers of the Township and their books of account. It has also examined the method in which the Township of East Orange keeps its books. What conclusions the committee have come to, if any, is very properly declines to say in advance of its report. We are confident that no time has been or will be lost. There is no inclination to "white-wash or shirk." Neither is this investigation a reflection upon any officer. It is the system that is being investigated. The custodians of the public funds are the ones most interested in having the Township books so kept, as to show at a glance that the money received has been all accounted for. Under the present system there might be a shortage or surplus of \$5,000, and no one, not even the officer himself, be the wiser.

Inquirer's remarks concerning the members of the auditing committee, to those knowing the facts are simply absurd. But there are many who are not acquainted with the facts and therefore his remarks are unjust. The diligence and capability of Mr. Hayner have been so conspicuous in his Township work that the Republicans of the Third Ward should show political wisdom in assisting to continue him in the Township Committee. As for Mr. Halfpenny, it is long and many a day since Bloomfield has had a more fearless and indefatigable servant. If by designating these gentlemen as prominent in politics Inquirer means that they take an active interest in the administration of the Township government, we have only to say that a great pity the town is not full of politicians.

Driving People Away.

The communication from C. H. W. is designed to convey some plain truth to the minds of the people of Bloomfield. The article is based on actual facts. "John and Joshua" are two New York men. One of them roamed here some years ago. In company with a friend he visited the town two weeks ago with a view to purchasing a home.

This may or may not be an exceptional case with respect to home-seekers. How far the policy of seeking many more shacks of gold than people have in their pocket, has retarded the growth of our town as a place of residence, it is difficult to determine. Many capricious elements enter into a man's choice of a dwelling place. The shack policy has certainly had a discouraging effect on our progress as a manufacturing town. The Singer Sewing Machine Company would have located here years ago. When it was learned they were on the look out for a site, the price of a piece of swamp land that had lain idle ever since was run up to a fabulous figure. The Tubular Steel Works had almost closed a bargain for property in Bloomfield. Enthornt's Squires were asked for the site they wanted and they concluded to locate at Newark. The large watch case factories located at Roseville were frightened away from here by the high price of land. Many more instances might be mentioned where the shack policy has worked to our disadvantage. Of course individuals are justified on business principles of getting every cent they can for their property. Manufacturers looking for factors often might be induced to do the same. An organized body of business men ought to be ready to meet them and look into the merits of the case, and if it is going to bring material prosperity to the town, they could see as well as the case and probably secure some pecuniary advantages by local legislation that would more than compensate for the high price paid for the property.

Happy Mothers.

Wm. Timmons Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad tooth I had for 10 years. I am now well. John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of the same place, says: 'Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver Tonic. The taste makes me feel like a new man.' W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who has run down his strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50¢ a bottle, at Gov. M. Wood's Drug Store.

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J. W. BRERETON,
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER,
299 GLENWOOD AVENUE.

FINE GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, FRENCH CLOCKS, MUSIC BOXES, JEWELRY AND SILVER WARE.

Spectacles and Eye Glasses
Constantly on Hand.

Long experience in the Jewelry business, and possessing the necessary facilities, I am prepared to execute the work of repairing Watchs, French Clocks, Musical Boxes and Jewelry. Skilful Mechanism Guaranteed. By arrangement with leading New York Houses I can fill all orders at short notice. Goods brought out from the city for inspection of customers.

GENTLEMEN

who want stylish cut garments should visit the

GREAT WARDROBE

—OF—

Geo. Watson & Co.,

The Celebrated Newark Clothiers,

The only firm in that great Clothing center who make all their garments
exact copies of custom work.

THEIR HANDSOME NEW STYLES OF SILK AND SATIN TRIMMED

FALL OVER SACKS.

AT 27, 6, 9, 10, 12 and 16,

AND THEIR FULL LINES OF

Elegant Dress Suits,

Complete for \$10, 12, 15, 20, 16, 18, and \$20,

are the finest over suits all ready to put on, while their immense stock of perf-

FANTALCOONS.

out from the choice patterns you see in Merchant Tailor's windows, now on the entire south side of their Broad Street building, and part of their Market street extension, and they are the only firm who devote an entire building to the manufacture and sale of all the stylish cuts of

Children's, Boys' and Youths' Clothing.

Tell your friends to see the new styles of garments they show daily in big lines, both their

BROAD AND MARKET ST. WINDOWS,

with the price plainly marked on each garment, and remember that the correct shape will certainly improve your dress appearance.

Bloomfield Hardware Store,

BLOOMFIELD CENTRE.

HARDWARE, CUTLERY AND HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS,

Builders Hardware, Mechanics Tools, Farming Implements, Nails, Screws, Etc.

GOODS NOT FOUND IN STOCK WILL BE FURNISHED AT SHORT NOTICE.

A number of Stoves and Ranges, New and Second Hand, for sale at Reduced Prices to make room for New Goods.

SAMUEL PELOUBET,

Successor to O. CARABANT.

BLOOMFIELD, N.J.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT

Life Insurance Company.

NEWARK, N.J.

AMZI DODD, — President

ASSETS (Market Value) Jan. 1, 1890

\$45,236,000.32

LIABILITIES, N. Y. and

Mass Standard, 41,829,628.26

SURPLUS, 3,408,355.93

SURPLUS, by former N. Y. Ex. 4 1/2 per cent. Reserves, 5,806,000.02

POLICE ABSOLUTELY NON-FORTIFIABLE After Second year.

IN CASE OF LAPEL POLICE TO CONFIDENTIAL IN PURCHASING AS THE POLICE WILL PAY FOR, OR, IF PURCHASED, PAY POLICE POLICE TO THE FULL VALUE IN EXCHANGE.

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